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Next negotiations Thursday 1,500 workers on strike at Framingham GM plant

FRAMINGHAM — Approximately 1,500 hourly employees at the General Motors assembly plant here walked off the job at 9 a.m. today after all-night negotiations with management broke down just after the strike deadline.

Union and management negotiating teams discussed organizing terms throughout the night, but failed to reach agreement on local issues of seniority, relief and other grievance issues, according to David Smith, a GM spokesman.

Several months ago, United Auto Workers Local 421 took a strike vote among its members and received their authorization to strike when the union leaders deemed it necessary, said Paul Lewis, a regional GM official.

Then, last Tuesday at 9 a.m., the union presented GM with a

"five-day letter," declaring the union's intention to strike at the end of five working days if their differences remained unresolved.

Minutes before today's deadline, UAW Local President Pete Lynch, who was not a member of the union's negotiating team, said he believed that negotiations had already broken off.

At 9 a.m., when the workers marched out of the plant, pickets with strike signs were already stationed outside the gates.

There was no violence in the walkout, and most union members drove directly to the Memorial Building for a meeting in Haverhill.

After a slight delay in starting, due to massive traffic tie-ups caused by arriving members, the meeting proceeded to

a voice vote by members to confirm the union leadership's decision to strike.

Pete Lynch said the rank and file "overwhelmingly" backed the local's action. He said negotiations will resume with the company on Thursday.

A national contract agreement between GM and the UAW was reached in November and became effective in December, 1973, but there are no salary changes involved in today's strike, said Lynch.

The Framingham group is one of eight locals that have not reached accord with their GM plants.

Last December, the Framingham GM plant laid off

about half of the assembly work force, and during the winter, closed production entirely for short periods several times because of the energy crisis.

Most of the strikers seemed in high spirits as they left the plant this morning.

One worker said, "If it'll help conditions, I'm glad we're going out. I don't know when we'll be back, but maybe we're going to find that out now (at the Haverhill meeting)."

Police estimated that "about 1,500" people attended the meeting, but the hall was not entirely full, a police spokesman said.

The plant turns out 40 cars per hour, or 1,600 cars during the 40-

hour work week, and David Smith, Smith plant laid off a production shift in late October, and now produces half the daily output that it did before.

In its declaration of intention to strike, the UAW listed "overloaded work shifts" among its grievances. "In the procedure, the union is right to request any work assignment," the union's negotiators pointed out. "The union is not involved in certain types of jobs, but workload is given out."

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News Natick Bureau
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Police records did not include the name of the lost little girl or her family.

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The mother began calling for her daughter, so Sarah and some other neighbors joined the search when they heard the cries.

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It was there she found the little girl lying on her side.

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SARAH OULTON
— "just picked her up"

Policeman first anti-busing death

BOSTON (AP) — Police Detective Francis J. Cressmer, who collapsed after being hit during an anti-busing demonstration last month, has died.

Cressmer, 41, died at City Hospital Monday.

Police said Cressmer was struck in the chest by something

thrown by a demonstrator outside the South Boston District Court on Sept. 18 and then suffered an apparent heart attack.

Police spokesmen said Cressmer's death would be investigated as a homicide unless the medical examiner ruled otherwise.



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in [Public Access Lands](#)Posted by: [NorStar](#)**N 42° 18.026 W 071° 19.952**

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Quick Description: The Henry S. Hunnewell Town Forest is a beautiful undeveloped property in the town of Natick where you can walk through a variety of habitats, including a thick hemlock grove.

Location: Massachusetts, United States**Date Posted:** 9/17/2009 9:19:40 PM**Waymark Code:** WM789K**Published By:** [Rayman](#)**Views:** 3

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Long Description:

In the town of Natick there is a 100 acre preserved woodland area known as the Henry S. Hunnewell Town Forest. The preserved natural space includes swampy lowlands, varied woodlands and a hill topped by a water tank. Within the park is a network of paths that take you through a variety of habits, and is a great place for a stroll.

There are several entrances to the park. The waymark point is at the parking area off Oak Street. It is about 1/4 mile south of the intersection with Mass. Route 9.

The path from Oak Street runs along Jennings Pond, a narrow, shallow pond that is partly covered by wetland plants. At points, you can see duck houses on or nearby the water. The path arrives at an intersection where you can either continue along the wetland to the northern edge of the forest, or left through a mixed forest. If you turn right, you will encounter another intersection where you can continue straight along the wetland or left toward pine and hemlock groves. Paths also climb (gently) to the top of Pleasant Hill where there is a large concrete water tank, as well as remnants of an hourly and a monthly sundial (very poor shape).

At the northern end, by Route 9, is a tablet about the forest. The land was donated by the wife of Henry Sargent Hunnewell in 1932 in recognition to beautify Natick. The Hunnewell family donated many things to both Wellesley and Natick.

Additional Article - WickedLocal.com:
([visit link](#))

Estimated size of the public land (in regional measurement standard: hectares, acres, kms, etc.): 100 acres

Is there a trail system?: Yes

If there is a trail system, please describe length, terrain, etc.:

There is a branching trail system that goes along wetlands, deciduous/mixed forests, hemlock and pine groves, and up a low hill.

What points of interest are there?:

Jennings Pond, various eskers, Pleasant Hill.

What activities are available?:

Map



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There are no official uses other than hiking.

List of known hazards (cliffs, snakes, poison plants, etc.):

Poison Ivy is always around.

Dogs Allowed?: Yes

Is a permit/fee required?: No

If a permit/fee is required please describe in detail how to get one, how much, etc.:

No fee required.

Please supply the website of the land if available: [\[Web Link\]](#)

Hours of accessibility?: Not listed

Visit Instructions:

Visitors are encouraged to supply a picture of either themselves or their GPS at the trailhead and/or signage of the public access lands - describe your experience there and what you saw - tell us why other folks should come visit!

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